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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 01936

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ECE, PGOV, BQG, EEWT
SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST RE LACK OF SEPARATE CODE FOR
WEST BERLIN IN ECE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT
OF TRADE

REFS: (A) BONN 1512; (B) 77 BONN 4739

1. AT THE JANUARY 31 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRENCH
REP (GAUSSOT) SAID PARIS HAD APPROVED, EXCEPT FOR ONE
POINT, THE TEXT OF THE ALLIED REPLY TO THE SOVIET
STATEMENT IN THE ECE REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE SUBJECT
COMMITTEE (REF A). PARIS (READ PLAISANT) DID NOT BELIEVE
HOWEVER, THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD QUALIFY THE FORMULATION
IN THE FIRST SENTENCE, "IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR
SUPREME AUTHORITY," BY THE PHRASE, "OVER THE WESTERN
SECTORS OF BERLIN."

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2. ALLIED REPS AGREED AD REF TO THE FRENCH
PROPOSAL THAT THE PHRASE BE DROPPED.

3. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE ECE COMMITTEE
WILL MEET AGAIN FROM FEBRUARY 2-10. THE FRG WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE THE REPLY IN REFTEL A DELIVERED PROMPTLY.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE ALLIED SUPREME AUTHORITY IN FACT EXTENDS ONLY OVER THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, AND WE HAVE USED THE PHRASE IN REFTEL A IN RESPONSE TO PRIOR SOVIET PROTESTS, WE HAVE ALSO USED THE SIMPLER VERSION SUGGESTED BY PLAISANT (E.G. PARA 5A OF CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR REPLY FOR SOVIET/EAST EUROPEAN PROTESTS ON BERLIN, REF B). AT THE SAME TIME, IN PARA 5F OF REF B, THE ALLIES HAVE USED THE FULL PHRASE WHEN STATING THAT THEY CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT MATTERS OF SECURITY AND STATUS ARE NOT AFFECTED. IN SUMMARY, WE DO NOT CONSIDER PLAISANT'S PROPOSAL A SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE AND-IN VIEW OF THE NEED FOR AN EARLY REPLY, BELIEVE IT BETTER NOT TO ARGUE THE POINT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF TEXT IN REF (A), AS REVISED ABOVE, AND AUTHORITY FOR US MISSION GENEVA TO COORDINATE DELIVERY OF REPLY WITH FRENCH AND UK MISSIONS.
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